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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

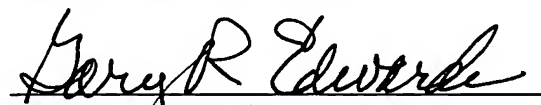
The relevance of German Utility Model DE 88 00 530 U and German patent document DE 195 29 794 A1 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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